

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0276

Title: Require state assessment test for nonpublic schools/home schools

Primary Sponsor: Ryan, D

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	FY 2004 Difference	FY 2005 Difference
Expenditures:	\$0	\$0
Revenue:	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Office of Public Instruction has contracted with Riverside Publishing Company for the administration of the Iowa Tests to students in grades 4, 8, and 11 to comply with the Board of Public Education's requirements for statewide student assessment and federal requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The contract with Riverside Publishing Company is a three-year contract that expires in 2003.
2. Currently, approximately 35,000 students in public schools and private accredited schools take the Iowa tests each spring. For the current year, the testing window is March 10-28, 2003.
3. The estimated cost of extending the contract is \$253,250 for FY2004 and \$263,250 for FY2005. These amounts are included in the Executive Budget proposal for the 2005 biennium.
4. SB 276 requires that the county superintendent administer the statewide student assessment to nonpublic and home school students.
5. Based on nonpublic school enrollment counts reported to the Office of Public Instruction by county superintendents and private schools, it is estimated that an additional 1,010 4th graders, 1,010 8th graders, and 430 11th graders will be required to take the Iowa tests each year.
6. It is unlikely that the cost of the Riverside Contract would need to increase to accommodate these additional students. The quantity of test materials specified in the contract should be enough to accommodate up to 1,000 additional students at each grade level.

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EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

1. Under current practice, the parent of a home or private school (non-accredited) may request that a child be given the statewide assessment. Generally, the county superintendent makes arrangements for the child to be given the test by a test administrator at a public school or by the county superintendent.
2. If SB 276 were passed, County Superintendents would be required administer state assessments to all home school and private school students in grades 4, 8, and 11. This will be an additional workload for County Superintendents.
3. In counties that have full time county superintendents, there will be no fiscal impact.
4. In counties that contract out the services of County Superintendent, there may be additional costs for contracting for these additional services.
5. Under SB 276 it is assumed that the County Superintendent can find facilities to test home school students at no charge.
6. The test and the scoring of the test would be paid from an appropriation at the Office of Public Instruction.